

- 16 -

Claims

1. An oral composition comprising chalk characterised in that the oral composition comprises perlite.

5

2. An oral composition as claimed in claim 1, whereby the perlite is 0.01% to 20% by weight of the oral composition.

10 3. An oral composition as claimed in any preceding claim, whereby the chalk is 5% to 60% by weight of the oral composition.

15 4. An oral composition as claimed in any preceding claim, whereby the chalk is fine ground natural chalk.

5. An oral composition as claimed in any preceding claim, whereby the pH of the oral composition is 8 to 14.

20 6. An oral composition as claimed in any preceding claim, which has a Relative Dental Abrasion of 140 to 170.

7. An oral composition as claimed in any preceding claim, which has a 'percentage polish' of 60 to 95.

25

8. Use of perlite in an oral composition as claimed in any preceding claim for polishing teeth.

30